

Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival 2017 begins today

Jazz was born in New Orleans in 1917 and now 100 years later in 2017, Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate the jazz legacy of the city with two weeks of jazz which begins today.

On Sunday you can look forward to the Carnival which starts at 2.30pm from The Mound and travels west to Princes Street at the West End. There will be over 800 carnival performers with music dance and very ornate costumes.



Over 30 musicians from New Orleans will be crossing the pond to Edinburgh from funksters like Dumpstaphunk and Hot 8 Brass Band to singers like Ingrid Lucia to modern jazz masters like David L Harris to traditional jazz exponents like New Orleans Swamp Donkeys who were in Princes Street Gardens earlier.



Most come together in the New Orleans Classic Big Band – a joyous celebration of 100 Years of Jazz, and New Orleans jazz on Wednesday 19th July at Festival Theatre in the Festival's Jazz Centenary Gala Concert.



Jazz 100: celebrates the centenary of the first ever jazz recording in 1917,. The programme is supported by the Scottish Government's Expo Fund with concerts covering the entire history of the music spread throughout the Festival.

The Festival is also supported by The City of Edinburgh Council and Creative Scotland

[Full programme details here.](#)

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